

**MINUTES OF THE EAST GREENWICH SCHOOL COMMITTEE
MEETING**

TUESDAY, JUNE 3, 2008

Hanaford School Cafeteria

200 Middle Road

East Greenwich, RI 02818

**ANY ITEMS CONSIDERED BY SCHOOL COMMITTEE MAY BE
SUBJECT TO A**

VOTE

7:00p.m.

Call to Order

The first June School Committee meeting was called to order at 7:00p.m. in the Hanaford School Cafeteria. Members present were: Sue Cienki, Chair, JeanAnn Guliano, Mary Ellen Winters, Anne Palumbo, and Susan Records as well as Assistant Superintendent Helen O'Hara, Director of Administration, Maryanne Crawford, and Robert Wilmarth, Director of Facilities. Mr. Day and Mrs. Friedemann were absent. The meeting commenced with the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

2. Public Comments- There were no public comments.

3. Approval of Minutes

On a motion made by Mrs. Palumbo and seconded by Mrs. Records, the Committee voted unanimously to approve the minutes of the May 20 regular session.

4. Recognitions

4.1 Maintenance Staff, Donald DeRosa, Russell Spencer and James Muto, were recognized for successfully completing all work orders in a timely manner. Mrs. Cienki stated that they went above and beyond to get the warrant articles moving.

4.2 Dedication of Hanaford School Circle – Mrs. Cienki noted the longstanding contributions of Henry Boezi to the children of the Town through the Teen Center, Youth Night, Homework Club, and as a Coach and Mentor. The circle will be named Boezi Circle. Mr. Boezi stated that we are all here for children and to provide a safe and healthy learning environment. He added that everyone persevered by working together. Mr. Boezi also stated that Hanaford gave him a lot.

5. Appointment

5.1 Mrs. Palumbo made a motion which was seconded by Mrs. Guliano to approve the appointment of Paula Dillon, Director of Special Education, effective July 1, 2008. The Committee congratulated her on the appointment.

6. Plans for Education Foundation –Finance Committee

Mr. Kates and Mr. Sommer were at the meeting and stated that over the last year, there was a resolution to set up an independent education foundation, which will be a separate 501c3 supplementary funding for the new education foundation. They are looking for 6 to 8 people for a steering committee, and then have a meeting to review their role. Mr. Kates also stated that they will consult with the School Committee and PTG's to get their input. Mrs. Cienki stated that this will be a great asset to the community.

7. First Reading of High School Student and Faculty Handbook

Michael Podraza, assistant Principal, spoke about some changes for the 08-09 school year such as the elimination of senior privileges, and changes to the behavior code. Questions were asked about the Freshman Toolbox. Mrs. Cienki stated that the School Committee wants all kids to take computer classes. Mr. Podraza supports that but stated that he doesn't have the staff. Mrs. Cienki asked him to think creatively. Mrs. Cienki asked to have Mrs. Nota-Masse take a look at when she comes on board.

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8. Performance Audit- JeanAnn Guliano

Mrs. Guliano stated that at the School Association meeting, the Auditor General gave suggestions to make sure all districts are cost efficient. She noted that we are required by law to be on line with our chart of accounts. She feels we should set up an audit committee which could be a part of the finance committee. Mrs. Guliano feels that a performance audit proves we are spending money correctly. A meeting with the Auditor general will be held before the School Committee meeting on June 24, 2008.

9. Approval of Paving Bid – Bob Wilmarth

On a motion made by Mrs. Winters and seconded by Mrs. Guliano, the Committee voted unanimously to approve the bid for paving to J. H. Lynch and Sons in the amount of \$105,790 for Frenchtown and Eldredge Schools. Mr. Wilmarth noted that this will be paid out of the warrants. Judi Cavanaugh asked about having a sign at Frenchtown that says staff parking.

10. On a motion made by Mrs. Guliano and seconded by Mrs.

Palumbo, the Committee voted unanimously to go into Executive Session at 7:45p.m. R.I.G.L. 42-46-5 (a) (2) Secretary/Paraprofessional Contract Negotiations

Respectfully submitted,

Virginia Giuliani
Secretary